

Amendment

Reply to Office Action of 19 November 2004

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6, and 8 are amended and claim 7 is cancelled.

Claims 4-6 and 9-14 have been withdrawn from further consideration under 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b). Applicants respectfully assert that the inclusion of claim 6 within the withdrawn claims is in error. Specifically, Applicants assert that the subject matter of claim 6 is properly included within the elected species of claims 1-3 and 7-8 and not the unelected species of claims 4-5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 6.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite in failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Office asserts that the phrases "chosen from among," "chosen from the group of," and "chosen from the group comprising" are open, rendering the scope of the groups indefinite. Claims 1-3, 6, and 8 are amended to correct these informalities in Markush language. Specifically, each "chosen from among," "chosen from the group of," and "chosen from the group comprising" in each of claims 1-3, 6, and 8 is amended to read "chosen from the group consisting of." The claims are not narrowed in scope and no new matter is added.

In the Office Action, claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,900,782 to Han *et al.* By this Amendment, claim 7 is cancelled.

Transmitted herewith is a listing of claims cited in the Search Report mailed October 10, 2001 for listing on any patent issuing from the present application.

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In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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